
Poison on the Land. *J. Wentworth Day.* The Philosophical Library Inc., New York, N. Y. 1957. x+246. \$6.00.

The jacket states that this book "gives a factual and documented account" of how present-day treatment of the land is threatening to kill many of our wild animals. In part this is true, but it appears that some of the "facts" are developed from evidence scarcely substantial in nature. Wildlife biologists should be concerned, as Mr. Day is, about the widespread and sometimes irresponsible field application of highly toxic insecticides and herbicides; however, much more information is needed before the total effect of such chemicals can be assessed. The need to proceed with caution until good information is available is apparent.

This book is particularly interesting in providing a comparison of British and American attitudes in game management. Readers unfamiliar with European methods in this field may be surprised at the intensive measures advocated and the surprisingly large crops of game sometimes harvested.

In spite of occasional conclusions not well supported by data, the book is filled with interesting and useful information. It clearly points up the immediate need for more research.

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